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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.3% IN JUNE AND 3.2% IN FIRST HALF OF 1988

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22, 1988 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 5.3 percent in June, and was up 3.2 percent in the first six months of 1988, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic grew 1.8 percent in June over the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 0.8 percent. The passenger load factor was 65.3 percent, up from 64.6 percent in June a year ago.

In international service, traffic in June jumped 17.9 percent, available seat miles rose 14.1 percent. The load factor increased to 71.3 percent from 69.0 percent last year.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first six months declined 0.5 percent compared to the same period last year. Available seat miles were up 1.9 percent. The passenger load factor was 61.0 percent compared to 62.4 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International traffic for the first half of 1988 was up 20.2 percent, and available seat miles were up 15.5 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 65.1 percent from 62.6 percent last year.

NOTE: Along with the attached table of June passenger data, a revised May table is also attached.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1988 - 1987

		JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%
DOMESTIC	88	28,180,184	43,180,830	65.3	157,141,230	257,624,397	61.0
	87	27,680,556	42,854,627	64.6	157,906,280	252,871,121	62.4
PERCENT CHANGE		1.8	0.8		(0.5)	1.9	
INTERNATIONAL	88	9,008,504	12,628,494	71.3	41,372,635	63,540,355	65.1
	87	7,642,507	11,070,478	69.0	34,427,753	55,029,597	62.6
PERCENT CHANGE		17.9	14.1		20.2	15.5	
TOTAL	88	37,188,688	55,809,324	66.6	198,513,865	321,164,752	61.8
	87	35,323,063	53,925,105	65.5	192,334,033	307,900,718	62.5
PERCENT CHANGE		5.3	3.5		3.2	4.3	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.